

REMARKS

This is in response to the Quayle Action dated January 6, 2005.

Claims 1-5 are pending. Claims 2-5 were objected to as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Furthermore, the certified copy of the Priority Document (Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-285871) was submitted on February 1, 2005.

In response to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner to provide antecedent basis. The amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims.

Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of claims 1-5 is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may be helpful to advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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